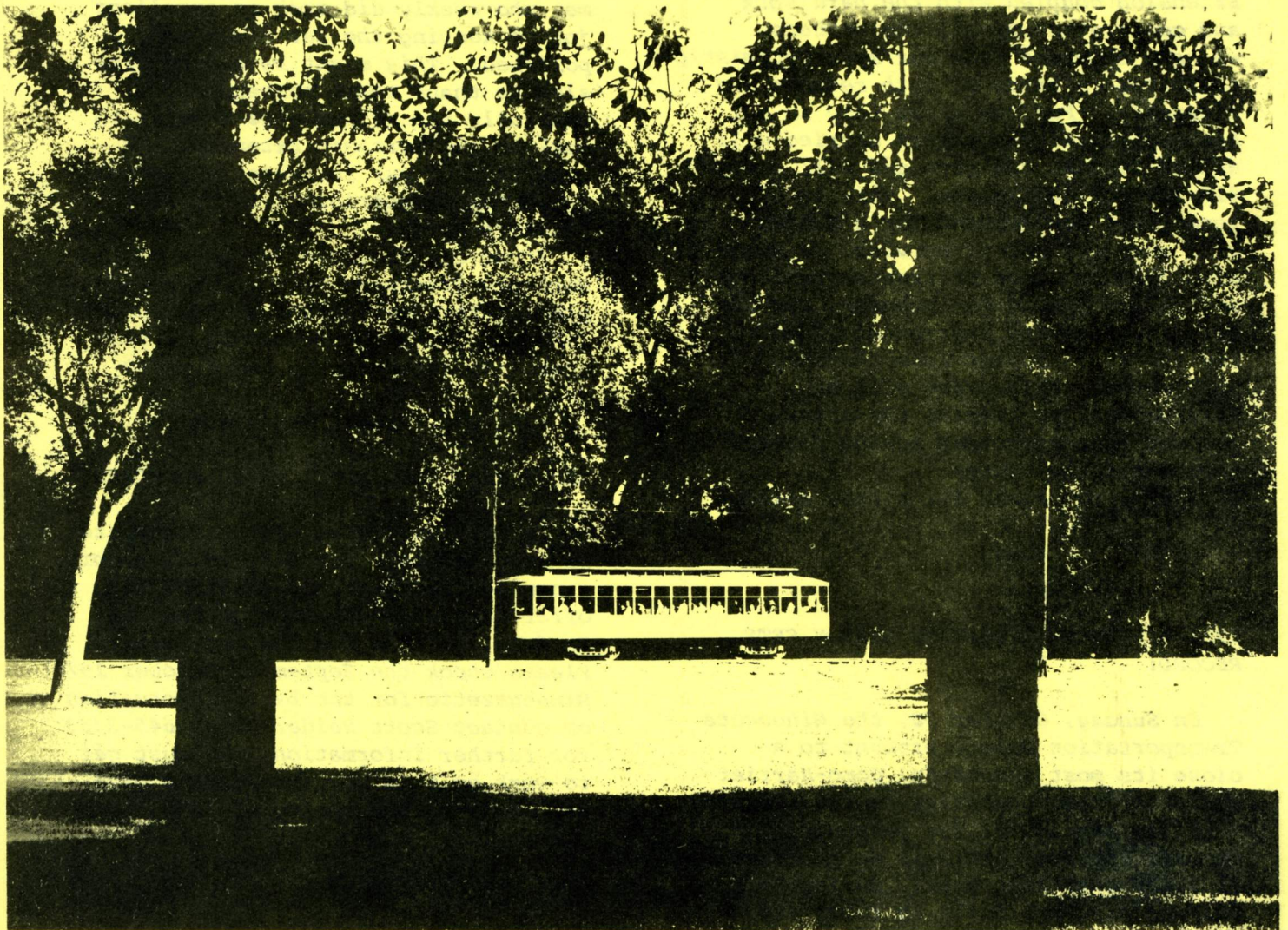




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Streetcar #1300 rolls past the archery range on one of its first revenue runs to Lake Calhoun on Saturday, September 3rd. This scene should be commonplace when regular service to Calhoun resumes next season. Story on page 5.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sunday, October 30th will mark the final scheduled streetcar operation of our seventh year at Lake Harriet. Thanks to the fine publicity arranged by Gordy Frederick, and the additional exposure created by our Northern Extension coupled with the hard work and cooperation of all the members, we have exceeded even our most optimistic estimates in terms of both revenue and ridership. For the first time in our history, total passengers carried will exceed 50,000, and revenues will exceed \$15,000 for the season. This is a remarkable achievement for a museum with only one car in service. I would also like to thank Stillwater resident, and fellow MTMer, Ken Johnson, for his help in obtaining a grant of \$2,500 for the #328 project from the City of Stillwater. This grant will be instrumental in keeping the steam locomotive restoration moving forward throughout the winter.

Again, my thanks for a fine season!

Sandy

1977 STREETCAR OPERATING SEASON SETS RECORD!

On Sunday, October 30, the Minnesota Transportation Museum brought to a close its most successful Como-Harriet streetcar line operating season. During 1977, we carried 51,794 passengers in regular service. This is an increase of 9,875 over last year. During this year we earned \$11,426 in fares and \$4,371 in donations on the car, both figures being well above any previous year. TCRT #1300 also operated in

charter service again this year, as 45 different groups chartered the car for 34½ hours with an income of \$1,035. Our #1300 postcard, the Big Island and Wildwood brochures, and the five-pack postcard sets were accepted in record numbers by our passengers in exchange for donations. As Vice President of Vehicle Operations, I wish to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to ALL the members of MTM for this fine season. I also wish to thank particularly Judy Sandberg who handled the charter program in its entirety, the regular operation foremen for the extra work in calling crews, depositing money and being responsible for the safe operation of the car, Ted Kane for maintaining the mechanical portion of #1300, and Ray Bensen Senior and his crew of assistants (most unknown to me) who weekly did such an excellent job of keeping the car clean and polished. This might be a good time also to thank those members who dutifully turned out once a month to work on the Northern Extension. A good part of our increase in patronage is certainly attributable to our progress north.

If we can continue our work on the Northern Extension to completion, I predict that our passenger total for 1978 will surpass our record of this year. My thanks again for a great year.

Scott Heiderich

ABOUT THAT NEW, DELUX #1300 POSTCARD...

In the last issue of the Minnegazette we asked members for help in developing a new 'delux' postcard of #1300 to offer for a 25¢ donation on the car. To date, we have not had many replies. Please check the September-October 1977 Minnegazette for the basic information or contact Scott Heiderich at 645-3333 for further information. We must get to work on this now in order to have new cards by the spring of 1978.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

At this time of the year your elected Nominating Committee begins its active work in selecting a slate of

nominees for MTM offices to serve during the coming year. We solicit the response of active members who desire to serve the Museum in one of the nine elective offices.

To be an officer in the MTM entails a lot of hard work, some frustrations and no pay. If you wish to be considered, please contact one of the following:

George Isaacs	484-7512
Loren Martin	789-4297
Judy Sandberg	890-2830

1977 Nominating Committee

VINTAGE POEM DESCRIBES OUR FAVORITE STREETCAR LINE

A recent passenger on Car #1300 gave Judy Sandberg a copy of a poem that appeared in the Minneapolis evening newspaper during World War II. The passenger "copied it with remembrance of daily rides to West High and to the U of M with many of the boys 'tagged for the second front'".

FOR BOYS ABROAD

Riding the Como-Harriet car
Gives me a backward, backyard view
Of unimportant scenes that are
Part of the blood and bone of you.

We rode this waiting room on wheels-
Yellow, bumbling, railbound, blunt-
Before life told you how it feels
To be tagged for the second front.

You know the swaying trail it takes
Through clothesline gardens, bird-
bath lawns
You know the light across the lakes,
Calhoun sunsets, Harriet dawns.

It roars along the old extent
Of polished tracks in its advance,
Crowded still, though it has sent
So many passengers to France.

Remember sounds like these, and places,
By night, by firelight, where you are,
As I remember your young faces
Riding the Como-Harriet car.

---Betty Bridgeman

NEW DUES COLLECTION PROCEDURE BECOMES EFFECTIVE IN JANUARY

The procedures we have been using to collect MTM membership dues were put into effect many years ago when MTM was a very small organization. Now we have nearly 250 names on our membership rolls and are getting more members all the time. Mailing out individual dues renewal notices is just taking too much time and postage. Recently, the MTM Board adopted the following new procedures, which go into effect starting in January:

The dues year is from January 1st to December 31st of that year, inclusive. Dues are \$12 per year for Active Members (age 16 or older) or \$6 per year for Associate Members. Dues are payable on or before January 1st. Dues not paid by March 15th will be considered delinquent. A sheet enclosed with this issue of the Minnegazette has a coupon for your membership renewal, and contains directions on how to figure the amount of dues you owe. This sheet will take the place of the individual notices that you have been getting.

Members should note that any dues or donations paid to MTM before December 31, 1977 can be deducted from their 1977 income taxes.

Also please note that Associate dues were increased from \$5 to \$6 per year, so if you sign up any new members, please point this out to them to prevent confusion. This is important to note because the Como-Harriet Streetcar folder, which we hand out on car #1300, has the old incorrect Associate Membership price of \$5. Since the folder cannot be easily changed for some time, please tell anyone interested that this plan now costs \$1 more.

Please be sure that we have your address and telephone number correct. We will be compiling a new Membership Directory soon. If you move, let me know your new address right away. This will prevent you from missing any copies of the Minnegazette and other MTM notices.

David Norman
Membership Secretary

EDITOR MOVES AGAIN...

Please note the new address for your editor and public relations man...

Gordon Frederick
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Burnsville, MN 55337
phone: 894-4562

WELCOME NEW MTM MEMBERS!

Since the last issue of the Minnegazette, the following names have been added to the MTM roster; Michael Buck, Brooklyn Park; Randall Dean, St. Paul; Cortzie Downs, Jr., Stillwater; L.E. Goerges, Lincolnshire, Ill; Robert Hargrave, Austin TX; Emmanuel King, St. Paul; William LaVictoire, Minneapolis; Mrs. R. Masur, Minneapolis; Paul Rhodes, Minneapolis; Thomas Sneed, Minneapolis and Tine Thevenin, Edina.

Welcome aboard!

David Norman
Membership Secretary

**OUR THANKS TO THE TWIN CITIES
RAILFAN'S GUIDE...**

...for including our streetcar and Minnehaha Depot operations in their publication. The guide, which is published by 'Tiger Paws', 1208 Cedar Lake Road in Minneapolis, provides 11 pages of information for railfans visiting Minnesota.

MINNESOTA TROLLEYFEST SUCCESSFUL

Streetcar fans came from all over the country to attend the Minnesota Trolleyfest in Minneapolis in late September. Slides and films of the Seashore Trolley Museum, Boston's new Light Rail Vehicles, several foreign streetcar lines, and vintage Twin City Lines operations were shown. After the banquet, with 120 people present, MTM's Bill Olsen was inducted into the Traction and Models Hall of Fame for his work in

promoting the model trolley hobby, and for his work in founding the MTM. The Museum's bus 1399 handled many of the tours which included a ride on Car #1300 and a visit to our Como Shops. Not only did the Trolleyfest provide a good opportunity to show off MTM for our visitors, but after the expenses are paid, the net proceeds were donated to MTM



Dave Norman looks over MTM display at Trolleyfest. Note videotape of Car 1300 on television screen.



...WISHING ALL OF OUR FELLOW M.T.M. MEMBERS A
TRAINLOAD OF JOY OVER THE COMING HOLIDAY SEASON...



Minnesota Transportation Museum, Inc.

1978 DUES ARE DUE!

In accordance with the new 1978 membership dues collection procedure, as explained in the November-December 1977 issue of the Minnegazette, this is your official notice that your 1978 membership dues in the Minnesota Transportation Museum are due and payable.

All members, both Active and Associate, are requested to look at their present MTM membership card and note the expiration date. Then look up your place in the table below to find the amount of dues owed. Please remit the correct amount directly to the Treasurer, along with the coupon below. Make checks payable to the Minnesota Transportation Museum.

These dues may be mailed at any time, but are due by March 15, 1978. If you have any questions that cannot be answered by the Minnegazette article or by studying this form, please contact Membership Secretary, David Norman at 729-2428 (or write 3007 East 24th St., Minneapolis, Mn 55406). Also contact the Membership Secretary to report changes of address or telephone number, whenever they occur during the year.

MEMBERSHIP DUES TABLE

If your present expiration date is...	TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP...			
	ACTIVE		ASSOCIATE	
	To expire December 31, :		To expire December 31, :	
	1978	1979	1978	1979
June 30, 1977	\$18.00		\$8.00	
July 31, 1977	\$17.00		\$7.50	
August 31, 1977	\$16.00		\$7.00	
September 30, 1977	\$15.00		\$6.50	
October 31, 1977	\$14.00		\$6.00	
November 30, 1977	\$13.00		\$6.00	
December 31, 1977	\$12.00		\$6.00	
January 31, 1978	\$11.00		\$5.50	
February 28, 1978	\$10.00		\$5.00	
March 31, 1978	\$9.00		\$4.50	
April 30, 1978	\$8.00		\$4.00	
May 31, 1978	\$7.00		\$3.50	
June 30, 1978	\$6.00		\$3.00	
July 31, 1978	\$5.00		\$2.50	
August 31, 1978	\$4.00	\$16.00	\$2.00	\$8.00
September 30, 1978	\$3.00	15.00	\$1.50	\$7.50
October 31, 1978	\$2.00	14.00	\$1.00	\$7.00
November 30, 1978	\$1.00	13.00	\$.50	\$6.50
December 31, 1978	none	12.00	none	\$6.00

NOTE: If your membership expires in 1979, you do not need to take any action at this time.

Fill out coupon below and mail with your
remittance payable to the Minnesota
Transportation Museum, Inc.

c/o Robert Macnie
3135 Casco Circle
Wayzata, MN 55391

NAME _____	PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____	
CITY _____	STATE _____ ZIP _____
Expiration date on membership card _____	
Amount enclosed for dues \$ _____ for donation \$ _____	
Active member	Associate member



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